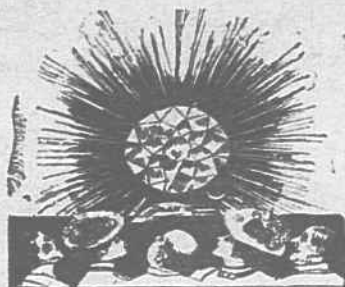


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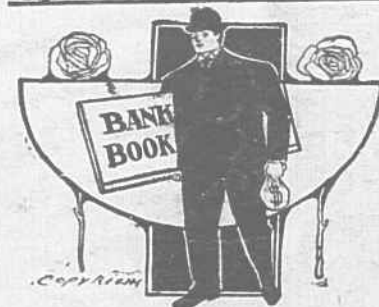
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Who Saw the Signal?

(Original.)
At sunset coming to a ranch we turned in and were invited to spend the night at the house of Manuel Parlo, the owner. There were a number of men in the yard, all inling spurs, and one of them was pointed out to me as a trailer. His name was Sancho, and my informant told me that if he were dropped down anywhere within fifty miles of the ranch on the darkest of dark nights he would feel the bushes and tell within a thousand yards of where he was. These trailers were always rare and are now well nigh extinct.

I only saw one woman about the house, Prado's daughter, about sixteen years old. She was as pretty as a little picture. Her black hair seemed to indicate a trace of Indian blood, and in the center of her brown cheek was a dab of vermilion. At supper she handed us coffee and during the evening entertained us with songs, accompanying herself on the guitar.

After a good sleep I arose and threw open my window. The yard was full of men, plainly in a state of excitement. Prado was there swearing like a pirate, occasionally stopping to give an order. Sancho was leaning against the porch, apparently the only unconcerned man of the lot. Prado every now and again would go up to him and say something, to which Sancho would invariably shake his head. Meanwhile saddle horses were being led from the stables.

Dressing hastily, I went down to learn that during the night some fifty horses had been driven away from their range. A party was being made up for pursuit. We were invited to join and, after a hasty breakfast, mounted our horses. When all were ready I was surprised to see Sancho sitting on the porch, evidently not going. Prado went up to him and said something we could not hear, but it was like electrifying a corpse. Sancho jumped up and ran back to the stables. On his head was a sombrero, from under which fell long black hair; around him was a gaudy blanket; under his right knee his Winchester. Prado gave the word, and we were off. Looking back, I saw something white waved from an upper window. If any of the party except me saw it, they paid no attention to it. Nevertheless I believed it was an "adieu" to some one of our number and that some one saw it, but would not admit the fact. Which one of the wild gang it was intended for was a well kept secret.

The stolen horses had left a broad trail, which Sancho, riding in front, followed. On we rode mile after mile, keeping the steady ranch horse trot. The horse thieves had nearly twelve hours the start of us, and we were obliged to go faster than they could drive the horses. At noon we rested for an hour, then started on and rode till night, when, coming on, when the broad trail suddenly disappeared. Sancho said that they had scattered the horses.

We ate a supper of bacon and hard-tack, then started on under the light of a full moon. Sancho still kept the lead, leaning far forward in his saddle, watching what was now a single track.

Sancho gave a grunt of satisfaction. Before us again stretched the wide track made by the fugitives. Midnight comes and passes. A faint streak in the east foretells dawn, and before it the face of the moon in the west grows ashen. Then the sun rises, and we take a few hours' rest.

A cup of coffee, and we were off on our relentless pursuit. We had gone but a few miles when the broad trail gave place to a single one, then disappeared altogether. Sancho was puzzled.

"Ugh," he said presently, "they have driven wild cattle across their trail."

The next sign was a heavy cloud of smoke. Sancho said that they were burning the dry grass through which their trail lay, hoping to destroy it. Prado, now realizing that the horse thieves were near, gave the order to push on more rapidly, and in another hour we came up with them. There were the herd of Prado's horses, nibbling at the grass, unconcerned as if they had wandered away of their own accord. Some of our party pushed on, hoping to catch the thieves, but after several hours' hunt returned without having even got a glimpse of them. Then, after half a day's rest, we made our way slowly back to the ranch, driving the horses before us.

When we rode up to the ranch house there again for a moment flashed something white. We were all facing it, and I looked from one to the other for some telltale color on the cheek or flash in the eye to indicate that it was for him. I looked in vain. We dismounted in the yard and all went in to supper, which was the first square meal we had had since we started.

The next afternoon we prepared to continue our journey, when Prado begged us to delay.

"We are to have a wedding tonight," he said, "and we would like to have you present."

"A wedding?" I exclaimed, and at once the white signal I had seen at the window came back to me.

"Yes, my daughter. She is to be married." The old man wiped a tear away with his coat sleeve. "I would not give her up till I lost my horses. Sancho has wanted her for some time. I refused him, but when the thieves drove away fifty of my best horses I must either consent or lose my stock. For Sancho is the only one hereabout who could follow the trail and he refused to do so unless I would give him my daughter." HAROLD OTIS

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CARE OF BEDROOMS.

The Weekly Cleaning and How It Should Be Performed.
For the weekly cleaning out of a bedroom one should collect all the required articles to work with, such as the long carpet whisk, the dust pan and brush, the dust sheets and the mattress brush. This is followed by the brushing of the mattress and the dusting of the bedstead.

Make the bed and shake and pin up any curtains. Remove short muslin blinds. Dust all the ornaments and place on a tray outside the room.

Shake and fold up all toilet covers, and cover the bed and large pieces of furniture after dusting with dust sheets. Roll up rugs and mats and carry out of the room to be shaken. Then sweep the ceiling, cornice and walls with a clean broom covered with a clean duster. Shut the windows and sprinkle the strip of carpet with clean, strained tea leaves. Sweep the carpet with a long handled carpet whisk toward one pile, sprinkling and sweeping in strips till the whole is clean, afterward sweeping the wooden surroundings with a hair broom. Then open the windows and leave the door closed for dust to settle.

While waiting prepare all the things that have been removed ready to replace. The dust sheets may now be removed carefully, shaken in the open air, folded and put away.

Dust first the highest things—windows, door frames, etc.—and after rubbing the furniture the wooden surroundings should be gone over with a damp rubber, dry duster and floor polish. Now clean the windows, and the week's duty has been done to the bedroom.

BUTTONS AND STRINGS.

Save Time and Temper by Paying Attention to Your Clothes.

Buttons and strings are likely to prove a source of much unhappiness in the daily experiences unless the old adage is remembered, that a stitch in time saves nine. Careful scrutiny and supervision should mark the care of gloves, underclothing, mantles, gowns and, for that matter, everything that depends on a button or a button's relative, the hook and eye. These should be looked after when they are added to the wardrobe and before they have been initiated into the familiarity of common use, else, perchance, the wearer goes forth to the daily toll or the bon's social duties and is embarrassed to find a button gone or a string broken.

A half hour devoted to the care of them in the first place will save one's time, one's temper and one's nerves in the days and months which are to follow before the new clothes become old.

Perfectly adjusted buttons and strings and hooks and eyes are absolutely necessary to the completeness and elegance of the toilet. A careless person may be known by the generally unfinished look of her own and her children's clothing, by her frequent resort to pins and the other evil trademarks which stamp an unthrifty person.

CULINARY CONCEITS.

Dates stuffed with cream cheese make a delicious afternoon tea relish.

Roast a bird with the breast down the greater part of the time. The flesh will then remain more juicy.

If a tablespoonful of vinegar is put into the lard in which doughnuts are fried it will prevent them from absorbing too much fat.

Slices of whole wheat bread spread with cream cheese sprinkled with finely minced sweet green or red peppers make delicious sandwiches.

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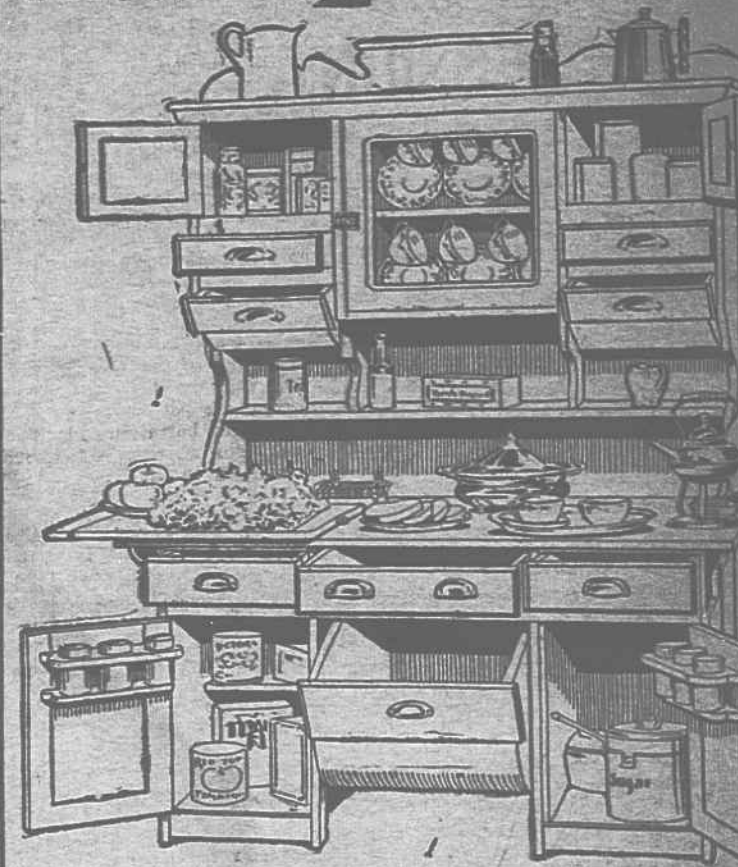
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